

# **EPA Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilot**

## ***State of Hawaii Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism***

Outreach and Special Projects Staff (5105)

Quick Reference Fact Sheet

**EPA's** Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative is designed to empower states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield is a site, or portion thereof, that has actual or perceived contamination and an active potential for redevelopment or reuse. EPA is funding: assessment demonstration pilot programs (each funded up to \$200,000 over two years), to assess brownfields sites and to test cleanup and redevelopment models; job training pilot programs (each funded up to \$200,000 over two years), to provide training for residents of communities affected by brownfields to facilitate cleanup of brownfields sites and prepare trainees for future employment in the environmental field; and, cleanup revolving loan fund programs (each funded up to \$500,000 over five years) to capitalize loan funds to make loans for the environmental cleanup of brownfields. These pilot programs are intended to provide EPA, states, tribes, municipalities, and communities with useful information and strategies as they continue to seek new methods to promote a unified approach to site assessment, environmental cleanup, and redevelopment.

### **BACKGROUND**

EPA has selected the State of Hawaii Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism for a Brownfields Pilot. Hawaii is one of the most popular tourist destinations in the world. Its visitor industry drives its economy, creating the need for preserving and restoring Hawaii's clean, healthy, and attractive environment. Approximately 1.2 million acres of the state's 4 million acres are owned by the state or four counties. Many of these sites are located in valuable harbor or downtown districts with a long-range potential for development and economic revitalization. The development of these areas would be a key stimulus in economic revitalization of the state.

### **OBJECTIVES**

The Pilot's objective is to stimulate through research and demonstration projects those industrial and economic development efforts that offer the most immediate promise of expanding the state's economy. The Pilot will facilitate the identification, evaluation, and selection of sites with the greatest redevelopment potential, and enhance the State of Hawaii's program by providing a formal network and working group committed to brownfields redevelopment.

### **PILOT SNAPSHOT**



*State of Hawaii Department  
of Business, Economic  
Development, and Tourism*

**Date of Announcement:**  
May 2000

**Amount:** \$200,000

**Profile:** The Pilot will identify and evaluate potential brownfields properties in the State of Hawaii, conduct assessments, and develop cleanup and redevelopment plans for selected sites.

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Visit the EPA Region 9 Brownfields web site at:  
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/brown/index.html>

For further information, including specific Pilot contacts, additional Pilot information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at:  
<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/>

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Activities planned as part of this Pilot include:

- Developing an inventory of potential state and county brownfields properties and evaluating these properties to select those with the greatest redevelopment potential;
- Performing environmental assessments on the top three to five prioritized sites;
- Identifying cleanup and redevelopment alternatives for each of the prioritized sites; and
- Developing and conducting a public participation/ outreach program to provide community, neighborhood, civic, educational, and environmental groups with information and opportunities to provide input into the assessment and redevelopment process.

*The cooperative agreement for this Pilot has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.*